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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, ACOM, UR, US
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SOLZHENITSYN

1. EMBOFF (COMBS) UNEXPECTEDLY RECEIVED VIA POUCH FROM DEPARTMENT A LETTER FROM ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN WHICH ENCLOSES A SEALED LETTER FROM SOLZHENITSYN TO ALEKSANDR GINZBURG'S WIFE AND REQUESTS EMBOFF TO DELIVER COMMUNICATION TO HER. THE ENVELOPE FROM SOLZHENITSYN ALSO INCLUDES A LETTER TO EMBOFF FROM NATALYA SOLZHENITSYNA NOTING THAT THE LETTER TO MRS. GINZBURG "IS SEALED ONLY OUT OF LOYALTY TO THE PERSONS WHO ARE MENTIONED IN IT."

2. THE LETTER TO MRS. GINZBURG IS HANDWRITTEN IN RUSSIAN ON TISSUE-THIN PAPER, FOLDED AND SEALED TOGETHER IN SEVERAL PLACES WITH SCOTCH TAPE.

3. EMBOFF HAS NOT CORRESPONDED WITH SOLZHENITSYN AND SUPPOSES THAT SOLZHENITSYN MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN EMBOFF'S NAME AND DEPARTMENT ADDRESS BY ANDREY AMALRIK WHEN LATTER WAS IN U.S.

4. RECOMMENDATION. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBOFF RETURN LETTER TO MRS. GINZBURG TO SOLZHENITSYN, WITH EXPLANATION THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGULATIONS REGARDING USE OF DIPLOMATIC POUCH DO NOT ALLOW US TO TRANSMIT CORRESPONDENCE OF THIS SORT. SOLZHENITSYN MAY OF COURSE PUBLICLY PROTEST OUR REFUSAL TO DELIVER HIS LETTER, BUT WE THINK
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IT IMPORTANT TO ADHERE TO FORMAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF POUCH IN RESPONDING TO DIRECT REQUESTS FROM PRIVATE PARTIES. TO DO OTHERWISE COULD PUT US ON SLIPPERY SLOPE LEADING TO OUR RUNNING A COVERT MAIL SERVICE CONTRARY TO NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS WELL AS OUR OWN REGULATIONS.
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